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HYDROELECTRIC POWER PLANT THAC BA  
LANG CHI, NORTH VIETNAM  
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1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS A HYDROELECTRIC POWER PLANT UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN NORTH VIETNAM.

2. LOCATION:

THE INSTALLATION IS LOCATED ON THE SONG CHAY (RIVER) 13 NM NORTHWEST OF LANG CHI, AND APPROXIMATELY 65 NM NORTHWEST OF HANOI.

3. COLLATERAL:

COLLATERAL REPORTS THAT SEVERAL NEW POWER PLANTS ARE BEING BUILT, AND ADDITIONAL GENERATORS ARE BEING INSTALLED EXISTING POWER STATIONS IN NORTH VIETNAM. "THE MOST NOTABLE PROJECT IS THE LANG CHI HYDROELECTRIC POWER PLANT THAC BA WHICH IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE ELECTRIC POWER FOR PRODUCTION, TO PROVIDE FOR FLOOD CONTROL, AND IMPROVEMENT OF NAVIGATION. THIS PLANT IS TO HAVE A CAPACITY OF 109,500 KILOWATTS AND TWO UNITS OF 36,500 KILOWATTS EACH ARE BEING BUILT IN THE USSR WITH DELIVERY SCHEDULED FOR 1965. CONSTRUCTION OF THE PLANT HAS BEEN ACCELERATED CONSIDERABLY, PROBABLY IN A EFFORT TO ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL GENERATING CAPACITY IN WHAT MAY BE CONSIDERED TO BE THE LESS VULNERABLE NORTH-CENTRAL REGION TO COMPENSATE FOR POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL POWER PLANT LOSSES IN THE HANOI - HAIPHONG REGION".

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4. FIRST IDENTIFICATION:

THIS INSTALLATION WAS FIRST OBSERVED ON PHOTOGRAPHY OF AUGUST 1961.

5. MISSION READOUT:

[REDACTED] REVEALS A GENERATOR HALL UNDER CONSTRUCTION, AND A LARGE CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT AREA CONTAINING AT LEAST ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY BUILDINGS AT LANG CHI HYDROELECTRIC POWER PLANT THAC BA. NUMEROUS PIECES OF CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT ARE NOTED THROUGHOUT THE AREA. A BRIDGE IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION OVER THE SONG CHAY (RIVER) JUST WEST OF THE GENERATOR HALL.

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CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT AREA

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LANG CHI 13 NM

VEHICLES

LANG CHI 12 NM

TIRES

VEHICLES  
PIPE

LANG CHI 13 NM

SONG CHAY (RIVER)

CONSTRUCTION  
SUPPORT AREA

GENERATOR HALL

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